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A JOINT MEMORIAL
SUPPORTING THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE BY THE
PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SUPPORTING A BOYCOTT BY THE UNITED
STATES OF THE 2008 SUMMER OLYMPICS UNLESS TIBETAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS ARE FREED AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO
INVESTIGATE GENOCIDE IN TIBET.

WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives on
February 3, 2004 unanimously approved House Resolution 157,
introduced by Representative Tom Udall of New Mexico, calling
on the People's Republic of China to immediately release all
prisoners of conscience as a gesture of goodwill and to promote
human rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States' participation in the 2008
Olympics in Beijing should be contingent upon China releasing
all of its Tibetan political prisoners; closing its prisons in
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1 Tibet; ending its brutal occupation and destruction of Tibet,
2 its culture and its religion; and ending its use of prisons to
3 break the spirit of the Tibetan people remaining in Tibet; and

4 WHEREAS, the Chinese government's policies have resulted
5 in Tibetans being outnumbered two to one in Lhasa, a large
6 increase in the number of Tibetans who are forced to beg to
7 survive and much death by starvation, all of which is contrary
8 to China's boasts of having brought prosperity to Tibet; and

9 WHEREAS, the Chinese government continues to control
10 religious and cultural institutions in Tibet, abusing human
11 rights through torture, arbitrary arrest and detention without
12 public trial of Tibetans who peacefully express their political
13 or religious views; and

14 WHEREAS, the Chinese government has destroyed more than
15 one million five hundred thousand Tibetan people since its
16 invasion of Tibet in 1949; and

17 WHEREAS, numerous attempts to obtain the release of the
18 Tibetan political prisoners by the United Kingdom, Finland,
19 France, New Zealand and other nations have resulted only in the
20 occasional release of a Tibetan political prisoner to coincide
21 with the visit of a European or American elected official; and

22 WHEREAS, the Chinese government has used its vast
23 industrial production to nullify international humanitarian
24 concerns for Tibetans as if they were less important than trade
25 considerations; and

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